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Whatever happened to Tyrell Biggs?

Counted out. Professional boxer and West Philly native Tyrell Biggs never made it to where his career should have gone. **Sharing his story.** Local filmmakers are trying to tell his story with a Kickstarter campaign to fund the rest of a documentary on his life. PAGE 02

Tyrell Biggs teaches kids now, but he was once thought to be the next great professional boxer. / ROBERT CARTER

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Film crew wants you to know boxer Tyrell Biggs

In this corner. The Philadelphia pugilist now teaches kids. But he was once the next big thing.

Filmmakers are trying hard to tell the story of Tyrell Biggs, Olympic gold medalist boxer. / LUNCHBOX COMMUNICATIONS, ROBERT CARTER

Tyrell Biggs isn't missing. He's teaching boxing to kids whose parents remember the former boxer as the gold-medal winner in the 1984 Olympics.

They remember him beating Mike Evans after turning pro following the Games.

But they also remember his fall from grace — his drug and alcohol addiction and his first professional loss to Mike Tyson in 1987.

He had a smattering of wins and losses after that but admittedly, he was never the same.

"I was just trying to rebound and continue fighting and get back into championship contention," Biggs, 52, said. "It didn't work out that way."

But the Philadelphia native is still doing what he loves, and a local film production company is trying to make a documentary film about his life.

Dafna Yachin, of Lunchbox Communications, and Trinity Greer are co-directing the piece, which needs about $30,000 more in less than two weeks of its Kickstarter campaign.

"We were fascinated with [Biggs'] story," Yachin said. "I was quite surprised that half the people in the community didn't know who he was."

The money would help the team complete the film and share it. Boxers Eugene Hart and his son Jesse are interviewed. The team hopes to get his 1984 boxing team members on the film — Pernell Whitaker, Mark Breland and Evander Holyfield.

Mike Tyson is also slated to be interviewed regarding the October 1987 fight in Atlantic City for Tyson to defend his World Heavyweight Title against Biggs. The referee had called the bout with just about three minutes left in the seventh.

"I did some things wrong and I underestimated his speed," Biggs said of the fight. "The thing that made it that much more effective, he had the speed. And I kind of fell short. I was looking forward to trying to win the championship for the world. How many people get the opportunity to do that? I was just overwhelmed by the feeling of being able to go to the championship."

The film will not only focus on Biggs' boxing life but his start as a basketball player in West Philadelphia.

"Most of us will never experience the highs and lows Tyrell has experienced," Yachin said. "It was the story that drew us in. Nobody was telling it."

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After the noble art

Tyrell Biggs started out training at the Joe Frazier gym on North Broad Street.

- He now trains kids aged 10 to 15, in the boxing gym downstairs at Shepard Recreation Center.
- He said the kids have an idea of who he is through their parents: "They can always pull me up on the Internet."
- He still trains in a way; he holds the pads and jumps rope with the kids. "It's a good thing. It's good to be able to try to see these kids progress and do things positive instead of all the negative things going on."

Quoted

"There's still hope to do the next thing. For him, it might not be boxing, but it's working with these kids."

Yachin

Top 3

What's trending at Metro.us

1 'VIDEO: Animals celebrate "Singles Day" in hilarious Durex commercial'

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Local tweet

"[Mayor Nutter] is trying to woo businesses from overseas but can't even keep Wynn here. City's a damn joke. Only Philly would run him out."

@PortRichmondPHL reacts to Steve Wynn's withdrawal of his Fishtown casino plan.

Flurries. Could Philly see its first snowfall of the season today?

People in the Delaware Valley may have a messy commute this morning as rain showers are slated to turn to snow late morning or early afternoon, according to a spokesman with the National Weather Service.

Mitchell Gaines, NWS meteorologist based in Mount Holly, said there could be a one-tenth or two-tenths of an inch of snow accumulation on the ground in the Philadelphia area, mostly on grassy services.

Conditions should clear up by the afternoon.

The rest of the week is slated to be sunny with highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

Parkside

Man shot and killed

A 25-year-old man was killed in Parkside Monday afternoon after a suspect shot him several times in the torso, police said.

The man was on Thompson Street near Lancaster Avenue around 2 p.m. He was pronounced dead that hour.

No suspects are in custody. METRO

Charged

Del. student raped woman: Police

A 23-year-old graduate student at Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington was charged with the rape of an 18-year-old undergraduate, state police said.

Carlos E. Bastardo, of Wilmington, allegedly met the woman in his apartment at about 3 a.m. Sunday.

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Police said he forcibly sexually assaulted the woman. METRO

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Bristol

Vet HQ loses power after copper theft

Headquarters of the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans organization temporarily lost power Monday after thieves snipped cables attempting to pull copper piping, reports say.

Power was restored, reports say. METRO

They're out. Steve Wynn withdraws proposal for casino

Wynn Resorts on Monday withdrew its application to build a casino in Philadelphia.

In a statement from the Las Vegas-based company, Wynn spokespeople said that its board of directors met to examine the casino's feasibility, and decided against pursuing a development in Fishtown.

"At this time, the Board has decided that the best course for the company is to pursue business opportunities elsewhere," according to a statement.

"The board took a host of factors into consideration, including the Philadelphia market performance over the past year and the competition which will result from the recent approval of gaming in the State the New York. Consequently, the company will withdraw its licensing applications in Pennsylvania."

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Honoring those who served as veterans

Ed Kelleher, standing, a Marine Corps veteran, and Paul Kelly, a U.S. Navy veteran, reflect at a Veterans Day memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington Square on Monday.

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Renamed. GPTMC simplifies name to 'Visit Philadelphia'

Talk about a long time coming.

The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, the region's marketing organization, on Monday announced it's changing its name to "Visit Philadelphia."

The new name has been in the works since 2010, when the organization launched VisitPhilly.com, which formerly was named GoPhila.com.

What's been the greatest debate? It's whether to use Philly or Philadelphia in the title.

"While 'Philly' is the most-searched term for Philadelphia within the tri-state region, when you go outside the region it's Philadelphia," said Meryl Levitz, president and CEO of the newly renamed company.

The group started in 1996 by the commonwealth.

In regard to the former name, Levitz acknowledged the city has a track record for naming its branches with acronyms.

"There is such an alphabet soup in this town, isn't there?" she deadpanned.

"And we do take the cake for having one of the worst acronyms probably in the whole history of this wonderful city. So we think it truly is an act of mercy."

TOMMY ROWAN

Quoted

"We have a big advantage here in this city. We have a beautiful name and a great nickname."

Levitz

These two are monkeying around

A white-handed gibbon, Phoenice, and her newly born infant swing in their enclosure at the Philadelphia Zoo on Monday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Sought

Two men set cat on fire: SPCA

Officials with the Pennsylvania SPCA are looking for two men they say may have set a cat on fire in Olney Sunday morning.

An eyewitness said she saw the cat running down Third Street toward Wellens Avenue.

She also said she saw the alleged suspects and heard one say, "I put a lot of fluid on it."

The men were described as tall, thin, black or Latino and in their early or mid-20s. One was wearing a red hoodie and the other a gray hoodie.

The cat suffered severe burns and is being treated at the shelter hospital.

It was identified as a missing cat of a family who lives about 10 blocks away. METRO

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Gym. High-tech lives spur back-to-basic fitness workouts

While people are becoming more dependent on high-tech gadgets in many areas of life, fitness experts say they are turning back to basics for their workout routines.

They see more exercisers shedding prop-heavy fitness classes for short-burst, equipment-free workouts.

"It's my theory that we've hit a critical mass in group fitness," said Donna Cyrus, senior vice president of programming Crunch Fitness. "Mats, Bosu [stability] balls, body bars: by the time you put all this stuff on the floor, it's 10 minutes into your workout."

These days, Cyrus said, most successful fitness classes require very little equipment, and many are 30 minutes long, down from the hour or more that was standard a few years ago. REUTERS

Space debris

Satellite burns up after falling into atmosphere

A 1-ton European science satellite plunged back into Earth's atmosphere and incinerated with debris most likely landing in the southern regions of the Atlantic Ocean, officials said on Monday.

The last contact by ground tracking stations with Europe's Gravity field and steady-state Ocean Circulation Explorer was at 5:42 p.m. EST on Sunday. REUTERS

Gun violence increasing in PG-13 rated movies

Matthew Modine seen on location for "The Dark Knight Rises" on the streets of Manhattan on Nov. 6, 2011 in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

Research. Across all films, the number of violent sequences more than doubled during the period.

The amount of gun violence in movies rated PG-13 has more than tripled over the last two decades, says a new study.

When PG-13 first became a designation, movies with that rating had similar amounts of gun violence as G and PG films, researchers found. Now, they sometimes have more shooting scenes than R-rated movies.

"It doesn't take a lot of imagination to figure out there are going to be disturbed kids who are going to see this kind of content," said Daniel Romer.

"The problem for parents is they can no longer rely on the PG-13 rating to tell them there isn't a lot of violence in those films," he added.

Romer worked on the new study at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center in Philadelphia.

Gun-related violence held steady in R-rated movies and declined slightly in G and PG films since 1985.

But the rate of gun violence in PG-13 movies jumped from less than one shooting sequence per hour in films released in 1985 to almost three per hour in 2012 movies. REUTERS

The study

945

The researchers watched 945 movies sampled from the 30 top-grossing films each year between 1950 and 2012. They marked every time a film had a violent sequence and each time that involved a gun that was fired.

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Many from China

Universities see record number of foreign students

More than 800,000 international students studied at U.S. colleges and universities last year, a record high fueled largely by an influx of young scholars from China, U.S. data released on Monday showed.

That is a 7 percent increase — or 55,000 students — from the 2011 academic year, according to annual findings from the Institute of International Education and the U.S. Department of State's annual "Open Doors" report. REUTERS

USC students / GETTY IMAGES

Haqqani network

Financier of Taliban-linked group killed in Pakistan

The chief financier of the Taliban-linked Haqqani network, one of the most feared groups fighting U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, has been shot dead in the Pakistani capital Islamabad, militant sources told Reuters on Monday.

Nasiruddin Haqqani was a son of Jalaluddin Haqqani, a veteran guerrilla commander from southeast Afghanistan who rose to prominence battling occupying Soviet forces in the 1980s. REUTERS

Bullet holes from the shooting. / GETTY IMAGES

China criticizes 'kill everyone' remark on Jimmy Kimmel show

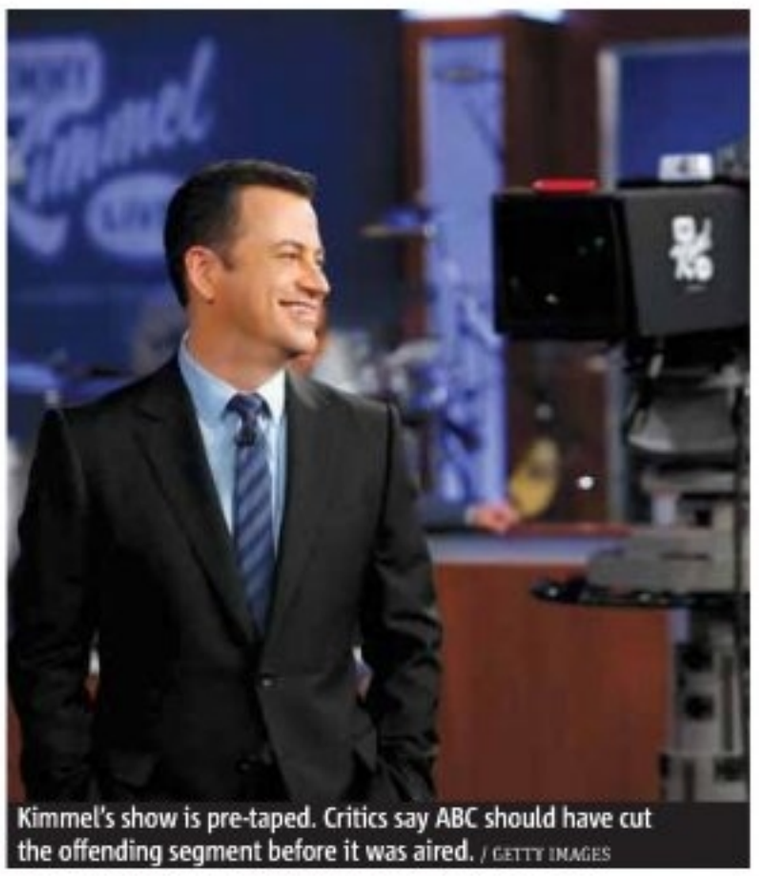
Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman. Qin Gang said ABC must respond to the protests.

China sharply criticized talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel on Monday for a remark made by a child on his program which has set off protests by Chinese-Americans in the U.S.

The controversy blew up when a 6-year-old guest replied "kill everyone in China" after the "Jimmy Kimmel Live" host asked him how the United States should pay back the $1.3 trillion it owes to the world's second-largest economy.

Kimmel replied, "That's an interesting idea."

ABC has issued a statement expressing regret for the incident and Kimmel apologized on Oct. 28 on the show, which is pre-taped. Critics say ABC should have cut the offending segment. REUTERS



Kimmel's show is pre-taped. Critics say ABC should have cut the offending segment before it was aired. / GETTY IMAGES

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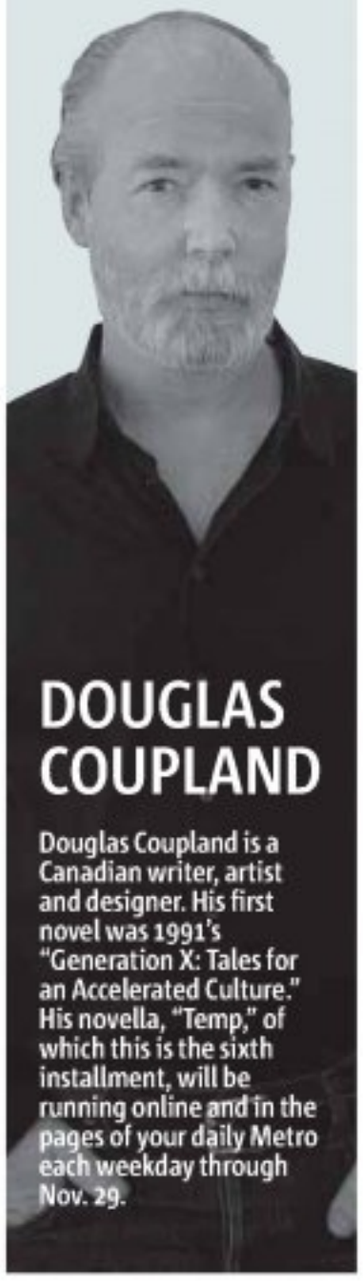

DOUGLAS COUPLAND

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the sixth installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

Day 7: Temp is slightly shocked by lunch query

We settled on the Saipan, a Japanese lunch place run by a noisy Belorussian family. It's a quick walk if you cut through the next-door parking lot of AmQex, a defense contractor, and trek over brown grass berms forested with CCTV cameras atop white poles.

We quickly ordered two bento boxes and sat down by a window.

"How's temping?" asked Sarah.

"I get used to feeling disposable."

"You know about the warehouse fire don't you?"

"Know what?"

"Kevin Taylor's wife started it."

"No!"

"Yes. They caught her on the AmQex cameras."

"Holy Moly. Why?" I played dumb.

"Nobody else knows. The Danimal told me."

"Huh."

Our boxes arrived and we quickly ate. Sarah had yet to tell me why we were there — and then she did: "So, are you and Kyle a, um, couple?"

For once I got to roll my eyes. "No! And I keep on feeling like we're two pandas in a Chinese zoo and everyone's waiting for us to mate." I remembered my pledge to be nice.

"Why are you asking?"

"Because I thought maybe he and I…"

"Sarah, you're 40!"

"So?"

"I'm sorry. That just blurted out. But really, Sarah, you're 40 and he's maybe 25."

"All the better."

I sucked in a breath. "Well, he's all yours to win, and he may be getting a job at the refineries, so he's ready to settle down, too."

"You think I'm a perv?"

"No. I say go for it and good luck. He can get you discounts on skateboard equipment, too."

"Meow."

"Just wrapping my brain around this."

We ate the remains of some oily tempura. Then I realized something: "It was very nice of you to ask me first. For real."

"I'm not a monster. And I'm just not another Sarah Unit around the office."

"I guess not."

Walking back, we approached two older guys with cardboard signs begging at the stoplights, one an Afghan vet, the other guy just old and sad. Sarah and I looked at each other.

"What are we going to do?" I asked.

"I always give the old guys something because, I mean, what are they going to do — become Wal-Mart greeters? The young guys … if I think it's going on drugs I don't give. But the Afghan guy doesn't look druggy."

"He just looks so lost and forgotten."

We ended up giving each of them 20 bucks, and Sarah did a cool thing: she asked them each their name, and they were so glad just to be able to say it to someone, and then hear it said back to them — like the world remembered them again. The old guy was Kurt, the younger guy was Darren.

When we got back to the office, there were six police cruisers in the lot, cherries flaring.

And vans. And a K-9 unit.

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College costs. Three facts about the new student loan rules

The U.S. Department of Education released new regulations for federal student loans, with the aim of making it easier for graduates to pay off their debts. The New York Times reported that more than 600,000 federal student loan borrowers who began repaying their debts in 2010 defaulted on their loans last year. Get all the information on the new regulations below and find out if you can benefit from them.

1 **What it is:** Under the new federal law, people who default on their federal student loans can rehabilitate them — removing them from a default status — by making nine timely payments that they are able to pay, based on the Income-Based Repayment Plan's guidelines. The guidelines cap repayment at 15 percent of the borrower's income.

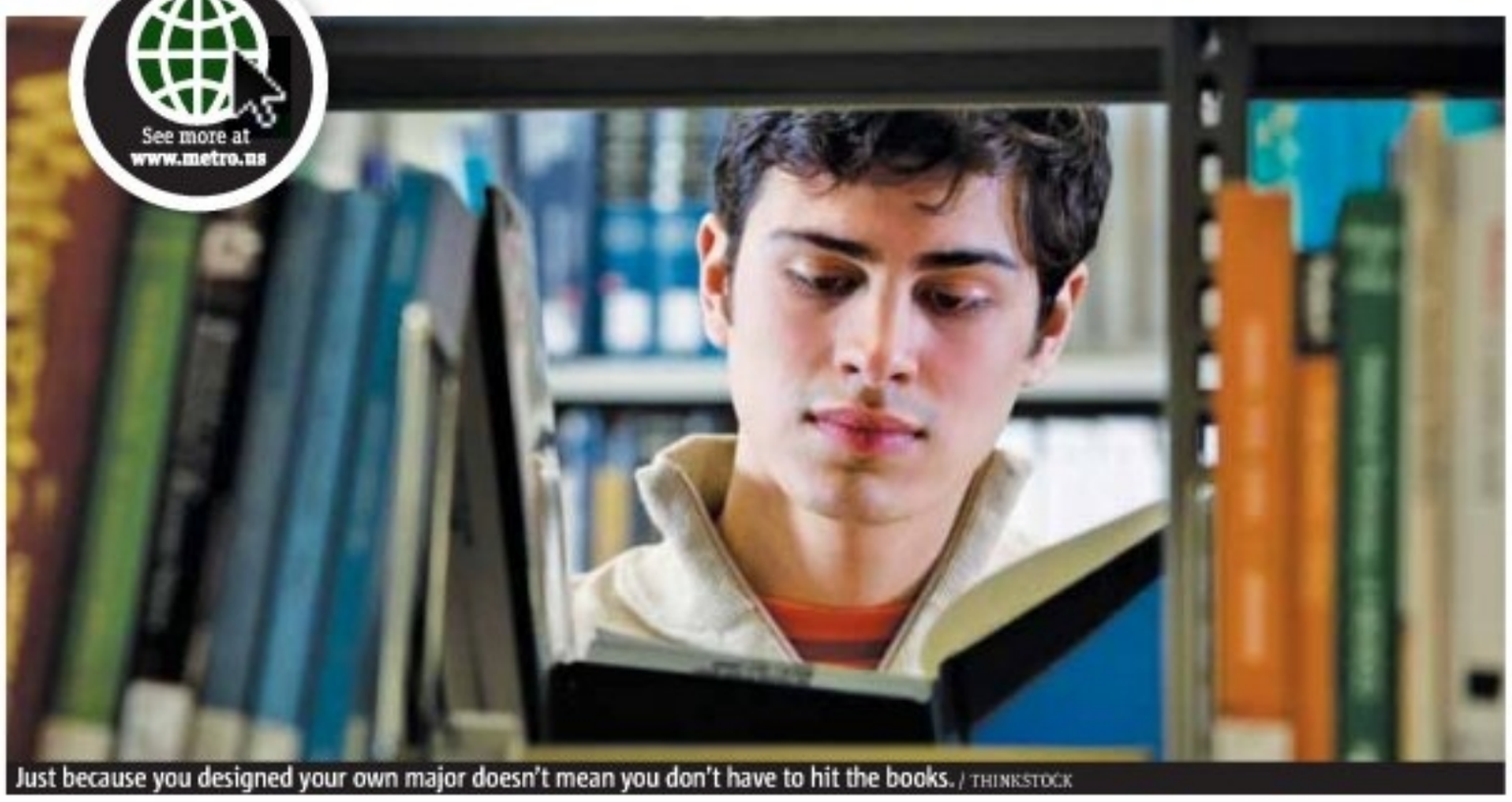
2 **It will be easier to be placed in forbearance:** The new regulations also state that instead of having to write a request for forbearance, borrowers will now be able to request one verbally in person or over the phone, which anyone more than 270 days late making a payment can request. Oral forbearances have a 120-day limit, however, and a borrower cannot make them back-to-back.

EMILY LAURENCE

The new regulations will take effect in July 2014. THINKSTOCK

You've got mail

3 **The government may be emailing you:** The Department of Education will email the roughly 3.5 million federal student loan borrowers to notify them of the new regulations. The email will outline the new regulations and explain the Income-Based Repayment Plan.



Just because you designed your own major doesn't mean you don't have to hit the books. / THINKSTOCK

Get individualized

No slacking, snowflake. Individualized majors mean hard work and self-driven learning from the right student.

You could go to school for just about anything, within reason. Whatever your interests are, there's a school for that. But what happens when there isn't a major that teaches the specific studies you wish to learn? Dedicated students have found that sometimes, if what you want isn't being offered, you need to resort to a self-designed major. Beware though, this track is not for everyone.

Before you start applying for an individualized major at your college, consider not only your goal, but also your work ethic and your ability to organize and communicate these thoughts to faculty members. "Do not think of the student-defined option as a way around the more difficult parts of existing majors," warns Dr. Joseph E. Devine, associate dean at Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University. In fact, it's quite the opposite. Colleges tend to require a rigorous application process.

Kevin Egan is the director of Interdisciplinary Inquiry at Drexel University, and he believes that Drexel's lengthy application process makes some students reconsider self-designed majors. "I've seen an increase of students expressing interest in individualized majors — probably over 100 students," says Egan, "but quite a lot don't ever go through the application process, and I think it's because of the amount of work that's involved."

The payoff, however, is worth it. "Students who are a good fit for this program are the ones inspired by wanting to solve real world problems," explains Egan. "It can be something large, like sustainability, and they already have the right mindset because these problems aren't owned by one area of study."

That's a notion that schools can agree upon. Paulette Hutchinson, dean of the undergraduate college at Rosemont, explains. "The purpose of an individualized major is to provide options to a student who is interested in something that does not fall within the parameters of a single discipline," she says. A self-designed major requires a great deal of work, sure, but when you have something that you want to zero in on at college, it makes it all worth it. Plus, when applying for jobs, you'll be the only one with a degree in bio-mimicry designs.

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"Students in these programs achieve a much higher and more integrated understanding of the core ideas of their major, and how each constituent part fits in. They own it in several ways, and can point to ways in which they have innovated and created something new rather than simply selecting a major that a department created, and knowing less well how it all fits together."

Joseph E. Devine, associate dean, Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University

Sports. Ruling says college athletes can seek TV paychecks

A lawsuit brought by college athletes seeking television and video game revenue can move forward, a U.S. judge has ruled, in a case that seeks to reshape traditional notions of sports amateurism in the United States.

In a decision on Friday, U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken in Oakland, Calif., ruled that a group of players could sue the National Collegiate Athletic Association as a class action, in an effort to change rules that bar athletes from earning money on their images.

However, she also ruled that athletes could not seek money damages for financial losses they suffered in the past.

The lawsuit takes on the highly lucrative business of college athletics, where universities reap billions of dollars from men's football and basketball, but players are not allowed to profit.

Filed in 2009, the case seeks to create a new system where broadcasting and video game revenue would go into a fund. Players would not get a cut of it while they were actively playing, but they would get money after they were no longer NCAA-eligible, said Sathya Gosselin, an attorney for the athletes.

"The NCAA has long decried this litigation as threatening college sports as we know it, when in fact the relief sought here is narrow," Gosselin said.

NCAA chief legal officer Don Remy said the NCAA was pleased that Wilken removed damages from the case.

"We have long maintained that the plaintiffs in this matter are wrong on the facts and wrong on the law," Remy said in an email. "This ruling is one step closer to validating that position."

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By the numbers

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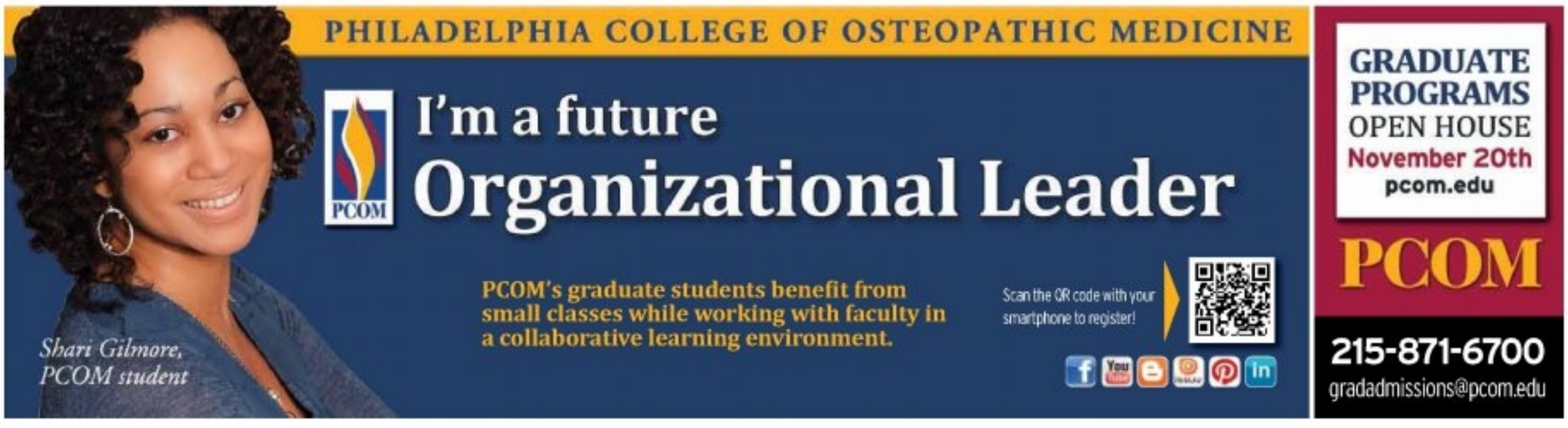
More than 20 current and former athletes sued the NCAA, alleging that it violated federal antitrust law by conspiring with video game maker Electronic Arts Inc. and the NCAA's licensing arm to restrain competition in the market for the commercial use of the players' names, images and likenesses.

Former UCLA forward Ed O'Bannon is part of the suit against the NCAA. / STEPHEN DUNN, GETTY IMAGES



The Boss reigns in Rutgers class

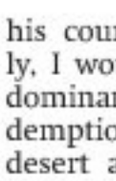
Biblical. A new class examines the religious underpinnings of Springsteen.

Millions of fans worldwide would agree that Bruce Springsteen is a god. Now, first-year students at Rutgers can take a one-credit course in his lyrics that can help them come to their own conclusions about the famous New Jersey heartthrob.

Professor Azzan Yadin-Israel is an associate professor of Jewish Studies at the university who says there is no lack of material to draw on for his course. "Theologically, I would say the most dominant motifs are redemption — crossing the desert and entering the Promised Land — and the sanctity of the everyday," he told the student paper.

Yadin-Israel said that Springsteen's Roman Catholic upbringing is a big part of the religiosity of his songwriting and hopes that students will be able to take advantage of the relaxed, low-pressure environment and fun subject matter to learn how to examine the broader contexts of Springsteen's work.

"There's no expectation that anyone will become a Springsteen scholar," Yadin-Israel said. Of course, it's safe to say that anyone who knows the pleasure of belting out "Born to Run" is on the right track.



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Springsteen has been blinded by the light, and maybe some students will be too. / JEMAL COUNTESS, GETTY IMAGES

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You stay classy, Amsterdam

On Sunday night, Metro hit the red carpet at the MTV European Music Awards, in Amsterdam, before performances by Miley Cyrus and Afrojack, among others. Here's what the celebs said, exclusive to us. **MWN**

1 Ron Burgundy, aka Will Ferrell, star of 'Anchorman 2'

Ron, have you been to any coffee shops while in Amsterdam?
I've been to one coffee shop every hour of the day and I've been here six days. So 24 coffee shops every day. Six times 24. What is that? 144?

And how are you feeling?
I've never felt better [looks into middle distance] before.

2 Afrojack, superstar Dutch DJ

You make music notoriously fast. I was wondering if you wrote a song just now while walking down the red carpet.
Well, actually, I'm performing with Snoop tonight and he said, "Yo, where's that new Afrojack/Snoop joint?" — this was Tuesday. I said, "I got a studio here." So we're in the studio tomorrow. Yeah!

3 Jared Leto, 30 Seconds to Mars

Where do you fit in here? No offense.
The fans are pretty young. We have all ages at our shows. It's the spirit of the music. When you're young, music means so much. It's all about identity and discovery.

Sorry, I can barely hear you over the screams for Ron Burgundy.
Ron Burgundy. I saw him in the mosh pit at a show, taking people out right and left. When you look down and see Ron Burgundy at your show in the mosh pit, you know you're doing something right.

4 Ariana Grande, pop singer and star of Nick show 'Sam & Cat'

If you could collaborate with anyone here, who's on your list?
Bruno Mars and Miley.

Miley was a child star like you. Do you take any cues from her?
She's doing an amazing job owning her personality and who she is. She's really grown into herself and doesn't care. Me, I dunno. I'm just growing up and loving life. But I can't see myself cutting off my hair — or my fake hair.

How about twerking?
Twerking? I tried in the mirror one time. Not for me.

5 RJ Mitte, aka Walt Jr. on 'Breaking Bad'

"Breaking Bad" has ended. You're responsible for some severe withdrawal.
I like to take some credit for that.

Should drugs be legal?
Sure. All they're gonna do is tax it. I grew up with a lot of medical issues and disabilities — I'm a cancer survivor, I had it when I was a baby. And I took all these medicines. And the one thing I found for people who used weed for medicinal use is they got off all the other medication. You'll never find someone dying for marijuana. Why so many stigmas about it? The only downside is the munchies. It kills your kitchen. That's the only thing it kills, your kitchen.

Do you eat cereal, like on the show, when you get the munchies?
Oh, always.

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Album release

Lady Gaga admits pot habit, unveils flying dress and, oh yeah, releases an album

Gaga released "ARTPOP" Monday, her first full album of new material in two years, but that was somehow the least newsworthy thing she did in the past 48 hours. She was also on "Elvis Duran and the Z100 Morning Show," where she admitted to smoking too much pot.

"I just want young kids to know that you actually can become addicted to it," she told the host, saying she "was smoking up to 15-20 marijuana cigarettes a day ... living on a totally other psychedelic plane."

But Gaga figured out another way to get high. At her NYC album release party, she unveiled a vehicle she calls a "flying dress" that was reportedly able to lift her about 70 inches into the air.

To read our review of "ARTPOP," visit us online.

Jezebel: From blog to book

"Jezebel has matured from troublemaking adolescent to semi-troublemaking young woman," says Holmes. / ANNA WOLF

Good reads. "The Book of Jezebel" author Anna Holmes gives her take on the evolution of women's interest blogs.

Anna Holmes founded Jezebel in 2007, and what originally started as a small women's-only offshoot of Gawker has since exploded and become the Internet's premier women's interest blog. Now, the blog has led to "The Book Of Jezebel," an encyclopedia of "everything important to the modern woman." Metro spoke with Holmes about the new book and what Jezebel has meant to women everywhere.

Why was this book important to write?
I wouldn't phrase it that way. I thought it was a fun book to oversee and hopefully people will find it important in some ways, but I don't know that I think it was an important book. It was more something that would be an interesting book.

How is the book similar to the blog, and how is it different?
It has the same sensibility because the writers also wrote for the site or are working there now. It's similar in tone and has a similar view of the world. It differs in that it's not a blog. On a blog, posts go away because new posts come and replace them. A blog moves very fast but a book is very still in time.

Why do you think Jezebel became so successful?
I think because nothing like it existed before and I think it had a very specific point of view. And it was unapologetic about that. I think it attracted like-minded readers who didn't want their content dumbed down or tiptoed around certain topics.

What do you think is the impact of Jezebel on other women's interest blogs?
It's hard for me to say because I don't really know. ... I do think the site helps underscore that there are lots of women who want to read smart content on the Internet and not just be told what to buy or to shop a lot, and you see a lot more sites that treat women as diverse individuals than you did before.

Which blogs do you read?
I don't really read the Internet the same way I used to. If someone tweets an interesting story I'll click through to it, but it's not like I'm typing in the Web addresses of blogs the way I used to.

What issues do you think Jezebel has brought to light?
Body images, race, politics, feminism — I'd say those are the big ones.

Their loss

Urban Outfitters decided not to sell "The Book of Jezebel" because they felt the blog had burned them before. How do you feel about that?
I guess I'm not surprised. If they're hurt, then they're feeling they're hurt. If people are feeling hurt then they don't want to be generous, do they? I wasn't surprised but I was disappointed. I think it's the kind of book their clientele would be interested in. I think it's more their loss than our loss.

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With his new book, the film critic rounds up what he considers the greatest anti-classics.

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Films like "The Room" and "Birdemic," plus old discoveries like "Troll 2," have reignited widespread interest in uniquely terrible films. With his new book, "The 50 Greatest Bad Movies of All Time," Film Threat critic Phil Hall, as per the title, chooses not to hang films he considers "anti-classics" but celebrate them. These include not just terrible amateur productions but lavish Hollywood bombs — and even established greats like Clint Eastwood's "Mystic River."

When did you become aware that movies could be bad?
I remember as a kid I went to see "Airport '75" in the theater. Even back then I was thinking, "There's something wrong with this movie."

Not long after that, Michael and Harry Medved were releasing their run of books about bad cinema, like "The Golden Turkey Awards."
I still have them. They're all worn out by now. They were the first ones to come out and say, "Yes, there are these 'golden turkeys,' and we love them." Granted, they were making fun of them. I try not to do that.

You include "The Room," which is a trainwreck made by someone convinced it was a serious, mainstream drama.
That's the beauty of it: Nobody was able to stop [filmmaker] Tommy Wiseau and say, "Tommy, you're going in the wrong direction." But he was working independently.

A lot of the films in this book are studio releases, and there you're going through committees and commissions and dealing with hundreds of people. It's almost impossible to imagine that some of these films got into release without anybody realizing they had a dud on their hands.

Bad movies seem to unite audiences like no other. They're actually a strong example of the magic of cinema.
I find sometimes that people are more enthusiastic talking about the great bad movies than the great films. We can talk Tarkovsky or Kurosawa, and it can be a very stimulating, cerebral conversation. But you start talking about "The Room" and "Mommie Dearest" and the enthusiasm level ratchets up dramatically. People become more viscerally engaged when discussing why they're so enraptured by these films.

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Taking their licks

On the makers

What do those who made these films think of their notoriety? People who've been in the business for some time are not that thin-skinned. They realize they'll make great films and not-so-great films. But at the end of the day they're making films. Ultimately they have the last laugh.

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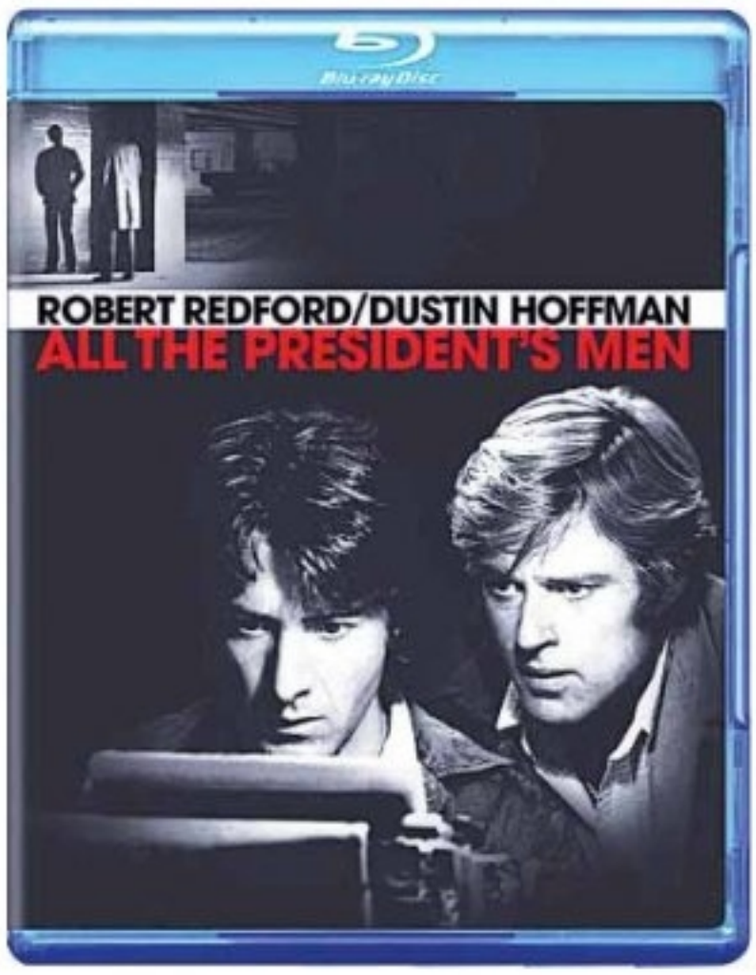
It took only four years for the Watergate scandal to be immortalized on movie screens, complete with two of the era's biggest stars — Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman — playing the only somewhat good-looking Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. But the results were anything but a triumphant reminder of corruption semi-recently vanquished.



"All the President's Men" may have jam-packed journalism schools with wannabe heroes, but it's a warts-and-all study of professionalism taken to an absurd extreme. Woodward and Bernstein have no lives outside work, nor personality attributes beyond "driven." They ignore vague (and sometimes not so vague) threats as they pursue the truth. And neither they nor we get to celebrate their victory; the movie cuts out on a minor note.

Not all Hollywood films of the 1970s have happy endings, but even the one that does doesn't revel in it.

As has been drilled into our heads, Hollywood was making gritty films like this all the time during this decade. But even for the era, Alan Pakula's drama is stripped down. It's a dispassionate, "just the facts, ma'am" study of process that has a lot in common with the British "The Day of the Jackal" from three years earlier, and whose influence today is felt in "Zodiac" and "Zero Dark Thirty," which also bury viewers under an avalanche of facts and dead ends.

A new feature-length retrospective documentary exploring the legacy and what the Watergate scandal and Nixon mean today is appended onto this splashy set.

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Also out

'Man of Steel'

It took 25 years, but Superman appears to have been successfully relaunched, with Russell Crowe and Kevin Costner as his two dads.

'Frances Ha'

Greta Gerwig and director Noah Baumbach scored a hit with this acerbic portrait of 20-somethings' anxiety.

'Nosferatu'

F.W. Murnau's 1922 horror is really an unauthorized version of "Dracula," which amazingly wasn't sued out of existence.

A novel approach

'As I Lay Dying'

Actor, director, screenwriter, author, teacher and painter James Franco has been mocked for doing a lot, although the real problem is he's been filming unfilmable novels. There's no cinematic equivalent for William Faulkner's dense prose. Still, his adaptation suggests Franco could one day blossom into a terrific filmmaker — maybe.

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TV Watch list

REALITY

'Doomsday Preppers'

In this episode of a series that profiles crazies across the country who spend all of their time preparing for some sort of apocalyptic scenario, a group of said crazies in Washington have developed their own suit of armor. We can't imagine what this armor is supposed to ward off, other than an active sex life. **9 P.M., NGC**

REALITY

'Giuliana and Bill'

Tonight, the E! host and her husband baby-proof their home. That should be only marginally less tedious than actually baby-proofing your own home — or maybe more tedious, we're not sure.

8 P.M., E!

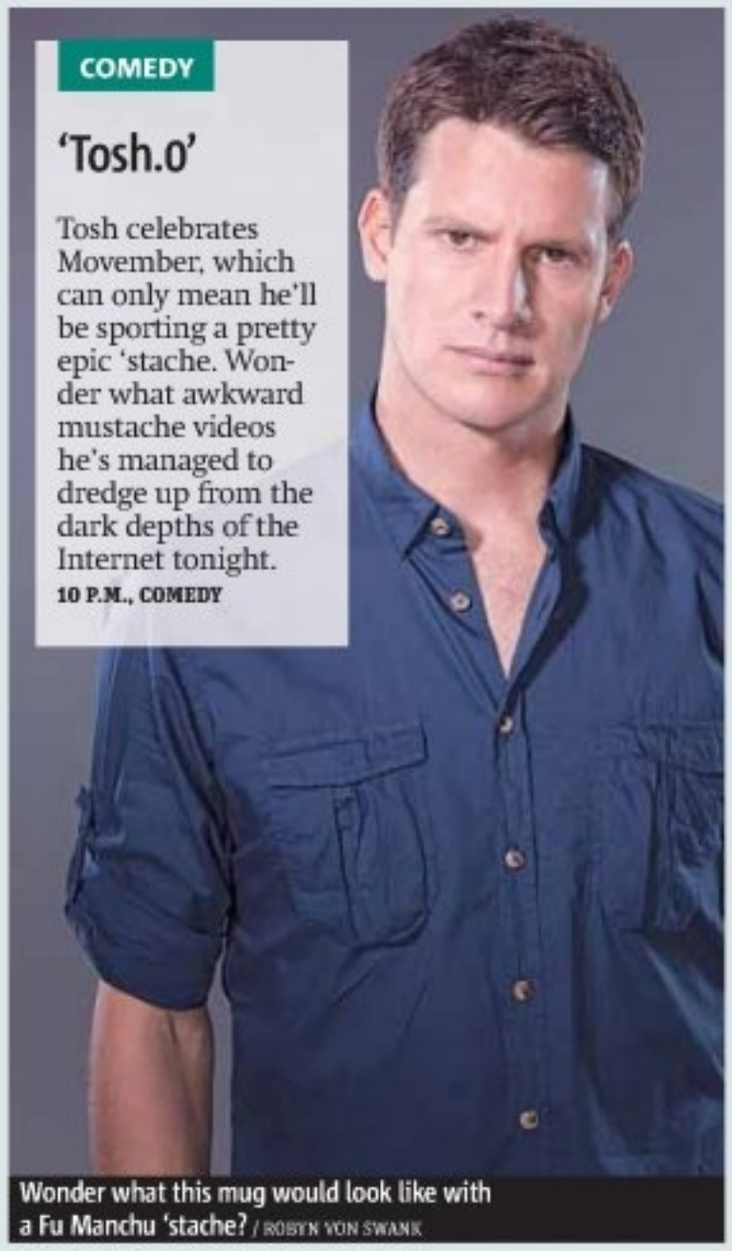
ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

COMEDY

'Tosh.0'

Tosh celebrates Movember, which can only mean he'll be sporting a pretty epic 'stache. Wonder what awkward mustache videos he's managed to dredge up from the dark depths of the Internet tonight.

10 P.M., COMEDY



Wonder what this mug would look like with a Fu Manchu 'stache? / ROBYN VON SWANK

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CELINE DION

This diva's heart will go on, even if she doesn't go on performing her signature tune.

'I HAVEN'T GOT THE GUTS TO ASK ADELE FOR A DUET'

Up until recently, the Twittersphere would have you believe that Celine Dion is dead. She isn't — those were hoaxes. Rather ironically, the 45-year-old's latest album is titled "Loved Me Back to Life." It's the French Canadian singer's first English language album in six years — and Dion, whose career has spanned 30 years, is moving on lyrically and melodically. That means if you only think of her from "My Heart Will Go On," the song made famous for its inclusion in the 1997 film "Titanic," that ship has sailed. Here, in a roundtable interview in a London hotel, the mother of three chats about her love for Adele, album-cover nudity and her latest record.

It's your first English language record in six years. Why did now seem like the right time to put an album out?
I haven't stopped, to be honest with you. I started a new show in Las Vegas almost three years ago, then I did a French album and also had two babies. Do the math: Time goes fast too.

Were you trying to reinvent yourself with this album?
You can't reinvent yourself every five years. For 30 years I have been using the same recipe. This time around, we're trying to freshen up and modernize — it's a second wind. I'm not trying to reinvent myself, but at the same time I'm not going to go on with singing "My Heart Will Go On," "Because You Loved Me" and "The Power of Love."

There are elements of Adele in this album. Is she an influence?
She has an influence on my life. Period.

Why is that?
I love her. I'm taking hot tea every day and I'm hoping she's going to pop up and have tea with me.

Will you collaborate with her?
I haven't got the guts to ask for a duet. I just would love to meet with her. If I see her, I would be starstruck and tell her that I'm her No. 1 fan. Every soundtrack that I do, I find ways to sing her songs through my warm-up but I wouldn't be so tacky as to ask her to sing with me.

Cher mentioned recently on a talk show that the crowds in Vegas during her residency were "very, very old, often sedated and didn't seem into the music." Now that your residency is almost over, can you say how you honestly felt about it?
I've seen Cher perform and she is amazing. The theater itself is formal when you come in. It's not like you can rouse the crowd with "Believe" — it's all gentle claps and hums. You really have to understand that it brings that mood.

What's your experience?
Musically, it gives me the possibility to enjoy my music. I can sing 70 shows a year, whereas I was doing 200 or, at best, 160 per year and I couldn't breathe, and then I go home every night. As an artist it gives me an opportunity to do my work and be happy about it.

On nudity

Miley Cyrus, Britney Spears and Sky Ferreira have all stripped for recent album covers and editorials. Were you ever tempted?
[Laughs] I'm too gorgeous for doing that. No, I'm glad I didn't have to do that and I didn't feel the need.

What do you think of their decision?
I respect them; they can do whatever they want. It's what we decide to watch and we have to decide whether it's OK for us [the consumer]. Some people feel the need to go very far to feel something — to sell their souls, pretty much. I wish them luck and longevity in their careers, but what's going to be coming after that?

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Destinations.
Fashionistas and fromage abound in this hip area.

Besides the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and other touristy (but essential) stops for Parisian visitors, the trendy Marais district — like New York City's SoHo or West Village — is a must.

But the Marais, which translates to "marsh" in French, wasn't always as hip as it is now. Tour guide Skall (yes, that's his full name — he's French, OK?) tells us that the influx of the gay community in the 1980s restored the enclave's cool factor. The arrival of art dealers also helped, as the area today is famous for its contemporary galleries. While gallery-hopping, make sure you stop by these other establishments for a truly tres magnifique Marais experience.

Find housewares at Merci, the French answer to ABC Carpet & Home. / PROVIDED

Le Marche des Enfants Rouges

The city's oldest covered market is also the area's best kept secret: Walk through an alleyway to enter this indoor bazaar, where you'll likely bump into Parisians doing their grocery shopping. You can buy everything from local produce to international foods. The market is also a great place to stop for a bite, with cuisines ranging from Japanese to French to Moroccan represented.

Dalloyau

The history of this sweets shop is almost as rich as its chocolates. King Louis XIV hired Charles Dalloyau after a tasting, and he and his brothers worked for the royal court over four generations. The store is famous for its opera cake: a thin layer cake soaked in coffee syrup and topped with coffee buttercream, chocolate ganache and a dark chocolate coating.

Merci

Picture the ABC Carpet & Home of Paris and you've got Merci. Shop for quirky souvenirs — Eiffel Tower cookie cutter, anyone? — plus home furnishings (there's a plethora of kitchen items on the top level), clothes, bath products, stationery and much more. The store recently did a collaboration with NYC's Museum of Modern Art, so you know the goods are stylin'. When you're done shopping, stop at Merci's cafe for lunch and coffee.

Stay in the Marais

Hotel du Petit Moulin

This quirky hotel used to house the oldest bakery in Paris (the exterior retains its original signage, so the charm still remains). Each room is decorated in a unique fashion by Christian Lacroix, and the eccentric nature of the building means that each room is shaped differently as well. If you can, book room 104 — you'll walk down a flight of zebra-print steps into your private dwelling. In the morning, there's continental breakfast. **Rooms start at 250 euros (about $336) per night.**

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Lashes and lips

Beauty. Dolce & Gabbana national makeup artist Christian McCulloch helps us primp for the party season ahead.

Put your favorite orange lipstick from the summer away already: Celebrity makeup artist Christian McCulloch says this fall it's all about the cooler tones, like fuchsia and burgundy.

To style the new bold pout, go easy on the eyes, he says.

"It's fresher without a heavy eye," says McCulloch. "A pale shadow, like a gold or champagne, is really pretty and easy, because it doesn't require precision. Just something shimmery across your eyelid with great lashes."

But what's the makeup artist — who gets Scarlett Johansson and Michelle Williams red-carpet ready — really loving?

"My big thing at the moment is lashes and lips," says McCulloch. "Really amazing lashes, maybe with a winged eyeliner." He shows us how to create the look.

Create a cat eye

"It's tricky," admits McCulloch. He suggests sketching out your line softly first with a pencil. "This is to see the angle, and to see how it looks with your eye open before you go in with a liquid applicator," he says. "If you paint a flick on an eye when it's closed, it can look a bit too horizontal when you open your eye. Look in the mirror and see where you want that flick, and then create a tiny dot with a pencil and paint from that dot down toward the corner of your lashes. I also take the pencil and run it along the inner rim of the eye, top and bottom. That'll create that [feline] Sophia Loren, Audrey Hepburn look."

Christian McCulloch / PROVIDED

Tip

Party-ready

"I always like sparkle. Shimmery and metallic eye shadows are fun. Also, liquid liner is a great party look. I think a liner along the lash line and winged out is beautiful."

Thick or thin?

"I like a thicker cat eye," says the artist. "Thick is cool; it makes it strong. It doesn't have to be Amy Winehouse-level, but that Kate Moss-y thing is nice."

Now for the cheeks

"I'm not one for heavy-duty cheek color," says McCulloch. "But I do love to bring in bronzer to the cheek through winter. In winter, you want a little color in your face too!

"Dolce & Gabbana has a bronzing color called Desert, which I use for contouring. The two blush colors I use most are an apricot and a pale pink to create a soft flush on the cheek."

His must-haves:

1 Dolce & Gabbana Passion Duo lipstick in Feminine

"It's a pinky-brown with a little bit of shimmer in it." **$35, www.saksfifthavenue.com**

2 A good lip balm

"Nuxe has a lovely, waxy honey lip balm, which is great conditioning for the winter." **Nuxe Reve de Miel lip balm, $19, www.amazon.com**

3 Natural oils

"I like a lot of the natural organic products from the health food store, like mixing a little drop of argan oil in with your moisturizer for extra hydration."

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4 Dolce & Gabbana Passion Eyes mascara

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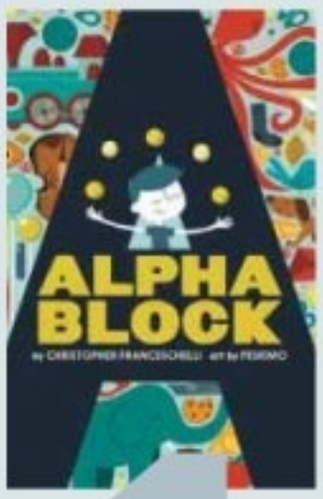
Best alphabet book



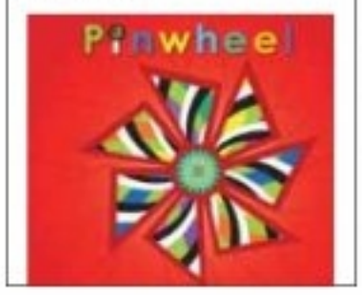
'Alphablock'

By Christopher Franceschelli. Your kids will not only learn the alphabet with the help of this book, but they'll also learn how to recognize the letters, thanks to the book's cutout shapes of each.

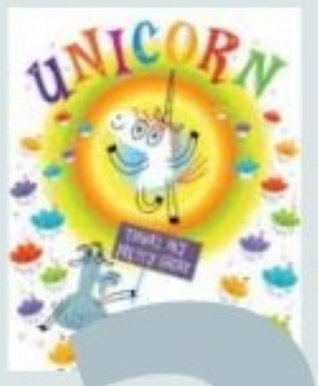
Best board book

'Pinwheel'

By Salina Yoon. Babies and toddlers will be mesmerized by the colorful pinwheel they can spin while reading. The book's short, rhyming tale is charming, but it's the beautiful pages that really make this one a winner.



Best fictional picture book



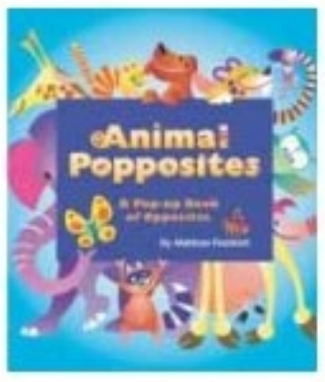
'Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great'

By Bob Shea. This short story is about a funny friendship between a unicorn and a goat and teaches children the importance of being kind.

Best pop-up book

'Animal Opposites: A Pop-Up Book'

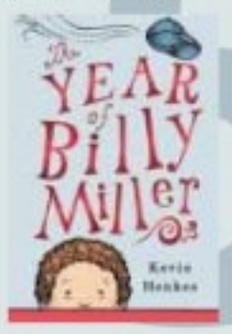
By Petr Horacek. Award-winning artist Petr Horacek lends his skills to this beautifully illustrated book that helps young readers learn about animals.



Best younger-kid chapter book

'The Year of Billy Miller'

By Kevin Henkes. With its themes of sibling rivalry and adventure, "The Year of Billy Miller" is reminiscent of Helen Hunt Jackson's "Ramona" series.



Best new series

'Starring Jules'

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Best nonfiction picture book

'Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell'

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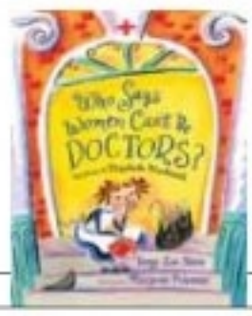

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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Spice up your living space, but don't go overboard. Move things around or add a couple of affordable items.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Talk about your plans with others and let people see how passionate you are. A physical change must not be made on a whim.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. You'll have a lot of information to deal with. Take a moment to digest it all before you make a decision. Don't feel obligated to do what everyone else wants.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Speak your mind. Bring issues out in the open to find a solution. Romance will ease your stress and help you get back on track.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't be fooled by what you hear. Draw your own conclusions. You can avoid making a poor choice if you are realistic.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Take pride in the way you look, and do things that will boost your ego. Love is on the rise, and social activities should brighten your day.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You mustn't let your emotions cause you to disregard information because you don't like what you're seeing. Honesty is best.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Have faith in what you do and how you express yourself. You will get the support you need if you are heartfelt.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Get out and do things that you enjoy. Don't let anyone dump added responsibilities in your lap. Be on the lookout for new ways to improve.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Listen to what others have to say and you will be able to offer valuable solutions. Your insight will gain you many valuable allies.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Problems at home could get out of control. Don't overreact, or you will end up in a no-win situation.

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Letters

Thor's success in numbers

Re: '"Thor: The Dark World" clobbers the competition' (Metro, Nov. 11) No kidding. A violent, loud film with a lot of special effects, placed in over 3,000 theaters across the U.S., topped the box office results this weekend. Try limiting it to 1,000 theaters and see how it does.

MICHAEL RAGSDALE, VIA EMAIL

Help victims of typhoon

Re: 'Survivors "walk like zombies" after deadly typhoon kills 10,000' (Metro, Nov. 11) Typhoon Haiyan has left widespread death and destruction in the Philippines that is truly unimaginable. As the death toll stands now, it's 10,000, and it is rising with bodies being found in the aftermath of the worst storm in recorded history. This storm was of epic proportions — even of biblical proportions. This horrific loss of life grieves many, and more so of those who have family in the region. As such, my heartfelt prayers goes out to these families who have lost so much. The Philippines is going to need a lot of help in terms of medical, food and financial assistance in the midst of all this devastation. As Americans, I'm asking all who can, to contribute to this worthy effort in helping the poor people in the Philippines. There are a number or charitable organizations that can help like: The American Red Cross, UNICEF, Save the Children and the Catholic Relief Services and local religious and community groups to mention a few. So please give, for these people need our help.

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20 Weep audibly
21 Vaccine type
22 Henry — Thoreau
23 Oxford tutors
25 Carpenters' jaws
26 Tack on
29 Link up
31 Ads
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36 "Miami Vice" cop
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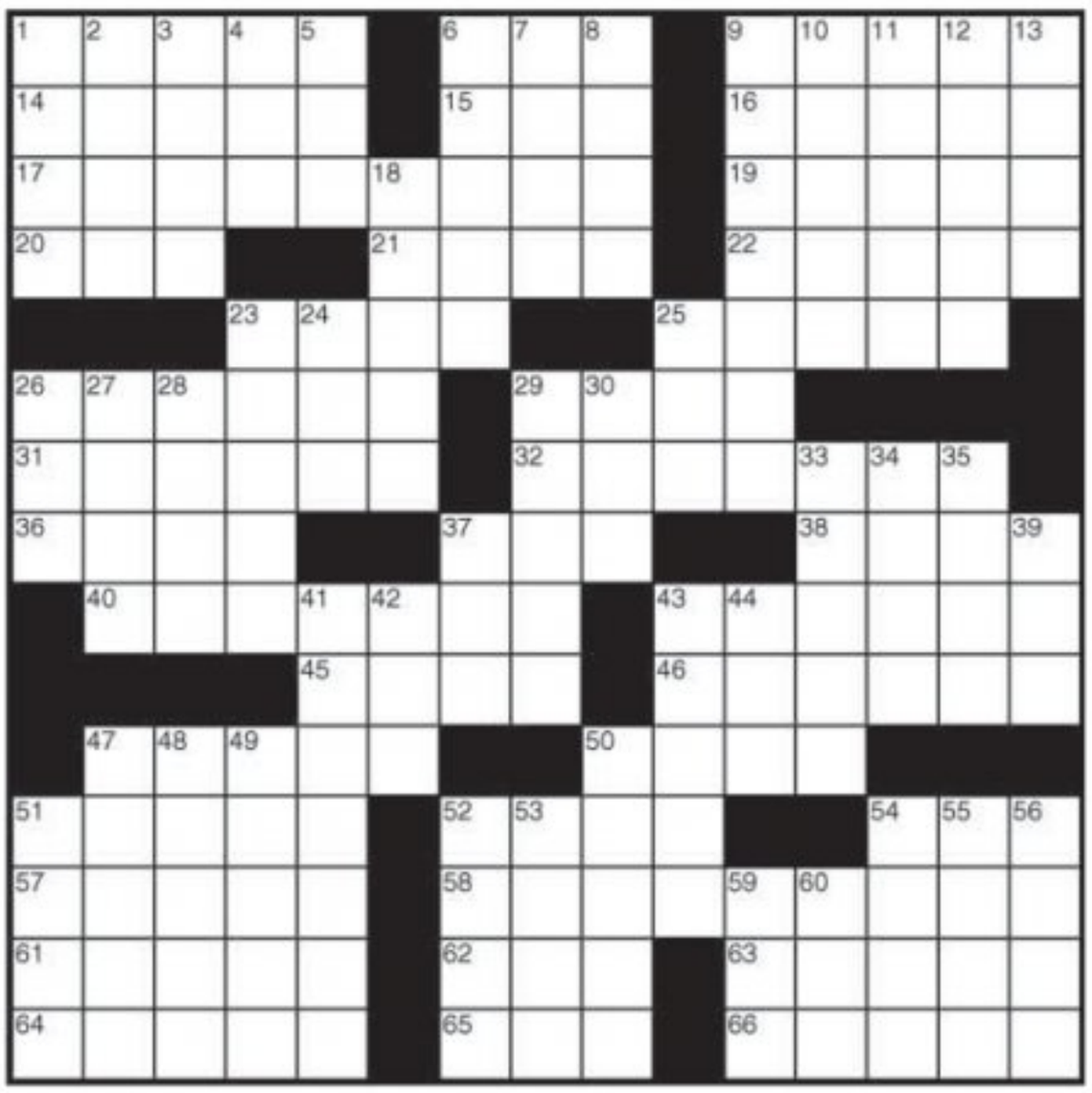

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SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO BE LUCKY THAN GOOD

Chip Kelly has brought a new formula for success to the Eagles this season, a blend of smart coaching and good luck. Both were on display in abundance Sunday at legendary Lambeau Field during an exhilarating 27-13 win over the Green Bay Packers.

Kelly takes pride in being unconventional, and the coach showed just how unorthodox he can be with a game plan that looked better on the not-so-frozen tundra than it did on paper. Kelly decided to run the ball right into the middle of one of the best rushing defenses in the NFL, with spectacular results.

What made him think LeSean McCoy, after five lackluster performances in a row, would suddenly awaken against a Packers defense that had allowed just 94 yards per game? How could he possibly know that McCoy would slash his way to 155 yards, at a clip of 6.2 yards per carry? He must have had a premonition, no?

No. When I asked Kelly yesterday about his decision to feature the running game, he just said it seemed like a good idea at the time. Kelly never reveals more than he has to about his strategy, but even he must have been questioning his own plan when his best offensive lineman, Jason Peters, left in the first quarter with head and leg injuries. A game plan relying on journeyman tackle Allen Barbre? Seriously?

Somehow DeSean Jackson caught this pass for a 55-yard touchdown Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

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ANGELO CATALDI

Luck of the draw

"The absence of Rodgers is where the luck began for the Eagles Sunday, but not where it ended."

But it worked — both because the offensive line had one of its best games of the season and because Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers wasn't there to force the Eagles into a more aggressive approach. The absence of Rodgers is where the luck began for the Eagles Sunday, but not where it ended. The Birds had everything go their way at Lambeau.

First, Rodgers broke his collarbone eight days ago, then Eagles quarterback Nick Foles underthrew a bomb to DeSean Jackson that somehow bounced away from two defenders and into Jackson's hands for an early touchdown and finally the referees — after a brutal day — ruled that a touchdown pass to Jordy Nelson was incomplete.

Whew, whew and whew. Rodgers would have demolished an Eagles defense that allowed 396 yards to a third-string quarterback, fate saved Foles from his first interception of the season on the Jackson play and Nelson's catch would have cut the lead to seven with more than nine minutes left.

Where the Eagles take this entertaining and unpredictable 5-5 season from here is anybody's guess, but this much is certain after a huge win against Green Bay: It's better to be lucky than good — but it's best to be both.

Idle thoughts

Here's what else is eating at Angelo Cataldi this week:

- Andrew Bynum called his reception last Friday night "weak." Actually, the only reason the booing wasn't much louder is that thousands of Sixers fans didn't return after Bynum stole their money last season. The fans were not weak. At least some of them did what he never bothered to do last year: show up.
- Shawn Andrews' verbal attack of Donovan McNabb last week was a lame attempt to find a scapegoat for a failed career. The allegation that McNabb was belittling him behind his back is laughable as an excuse for unfulfilled potential. Even in retirement, Andrews can't see that his biggest problem was himself.
- After 21 straight games and a private meeting with chairman Ed Snider, Flyers captain Claude Giroux finally scored a goal in Saturday's 4-2 win over Edmonton. Whoopee. He will be making $66 million over the next eight years, yet another dreadful contract on a team riddled with them.
- Ex-Phillies skipper Charlie Manuel said last week that he has been cleaning his gutters while waiting for his next managing job. Just one question: Is his unemployable pitching coach, Rich Dubee, holding the ladder?

Cataldi on the Flyers

Flyers fans: Root against your team

The time has arrived for Flyers fans to do the unthinkable. They need to root against their own team. The only hope now is for the Flyers to fail so spectacularly chairman Ed Snider will finally retire.

Just when it appears the team can sink no lower, it finds new depths in its own humiliation.

Ed, it's time to go now. GETTY IMAGES

A 3-0 loss to New Jersey last Thursday was so bad, even Snider called the effort "pathetic." He quickly added he had no answers to the problem — but we all knew that.

What needs to happen now is more games like that debacle against the Devils. At 80, Snider needs to see he is the biggest problem in the organization. Snider hasn't won a Stanley Cup in 38 years, and he just keeps bringing back one inept former Flyer after another to run his team.

In the latter stages of Thursday's loss, fans booed the Flyers with a frustration rarely, if ever, heard in the Wells Fargo Center. These are not Eagles fans; these are people who have been willing to pay hundreds of dollars to attend one game, willing to look past all of the bad trades and dumb signings and live on the fumes from two Stanley Cup parades in the 1970s. But no more, finally. Snider hears the boos, so much so he acknowledged them after the New Jersey fiasco. He said he knows how angry the fans are about the failures of GM Paul Holmgren, and he quickly added it's just a matter of time before they begin chanting his name in vain, too.

A loud, bitter public response to Snider is long overdue, but it will not be enough. Until the Flyers spend a whole season losing, he will not realize the time to retire is here.

ANGELO CATALDI

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Home cooking

Meyer votes OSU No. 2

Many in the country are already hotly anticipating a Florida State vs. Alabama BCS National Championship Game. But don't count Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer among them. Meyer, who has a vote in the coaches' poll, a component of the BCS formula, put his 9-0 Buckeyes one spot ahead of the Seminoles.

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Despite recent play, Foles is still a 'temp'

NFL. Chip Kelly is hesitant to put the "permanent" tag on QB Nick Foles.

Chip Kelly is leaving the door open for Michael Vick despite the fabulous play of Nick Foles these past two weeks. At this rate, Kelly is likely paranoid about injuries at the quarterback position and that is the main reason as to why he hasn't yet put the "permanent QB" tag on Foles.

"Who's up? Who's available?" Kelly said Monday. "I've made this point before. I've had guys go down [with injury] on Friday. So why does it really matter who I say is the starter for next Sunday's game?"

Kelly had named Vick the starter during training camp, but says the situation at this stage in the season is entirely different.

"[Vick] had to get the reps," Kelly said. "If I didn't say anything, Nick goes: 'I thought there was a competition, but Mike gets 10 snaps and I get two snaps. What's going on here?

"It may be a scoop for all you guys, but first-team reps [on Tuesday], Nick's gonna take 'em. We don't have to make any decisions on anything [further] because Mike's not going right now."

Foles currently has the hottest arm in the NFL, having tossed 10 touchdown passes with no interceptions in the past two weeks, both Eagles victories. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is the only other quarterback in NFL history to have thrown 10 or more TDs without a pick in a two-game span in one season (2007).

Foles and the Eagles have one more game, Sunday at home against the Redskins (1 p.m., FOX), before a much-needed bye week. Four of their final six games in the regular season will be played at Lincoln Financial Field.

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136

Eagles quarterback Nick Foles has thrown 136 passes this season and has yet to throw an interception.

Nick Foles has not thrown an interception this season. / GREGORY SHAMUS, GETTY IMAGES

Playoff push

NFC East race now entirely up for grabs

Not one team in the NFC East is over .500, but all four teams are legitimately in the hunt for a division crown and a playoff berth.

This includes the New York Giants (3-6), the hottest team in the division, having won three games in a row.

"We're 3-6, so in no way, shape or form can we underestimate anybody. We haven't done anything yet," said Giants safety Antrel Rolle when asked if he thinks the Giants' playoff hopes are suddenly within reach. "We've been to the lowest of lows and now we're just trying to make sure we climb up out of it."

The Giants beat the Raiders, 24-20, Sunday and host Green Bay this coming Sunday.

New York owns the same record as the Redskins, who visit the Eagles Sunday.

The Cowboys, who were blown out by the Saints, 49-17, Sunday are currently on their bye week. Dallas next plays on Nov. 24 at the Giants and it has meetings with the Raiders, Bears, Packers, Redskins and Eagles left on its schedule. METRO

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Flyers hit road trying to make up lost ground

NHL. Philadelphia hopes a solid win over the weekend will jump-start what's been a poor start to the season.

Those weren't your father's Oilers the Flyers beat 4-2 Saturday, with Claude Giroux finally scoring his first goal of the season. There was no Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier or Paul Coffey on this club.

But the Flyers weren't about to hand the two points they earned back, especially since they've been so hard to come by on home ice. Despite stellar goaltending from Steve Mason and Ray Emery they're only 3-7 in their own building, placing them at the bottom of the Metropolitan Division.

Claude Giroux was all smiles after finally getting his first goal of the season against Edmonton this weekend. / GETTY IMAGES

Schedule

The Flyers hit the road for three straight games — two north of the border — after two games at home.

- Flyers at Senators tonight, 7:30 p.m.
- Flyers at Penguins Wednesday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m.
- Flyers at Jets Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m.

At 5-10-1, the team will need to win on the road to make up enough ground to get back into playoff contention. Games at Ottawa, Pittsburgh and Winnipeg this week, followed by a grueling December-January stretch with 18-of-29 on foreign ice — including five- and six-game trips — could well determine their fate.

"That's fine," said Wayne Simmonds, who still has just one goal after scoring 43 the last two seasons. "On the road you're always together. When we're at home, guys have families, wives, girlfriends. But on the road you're together every waking hour. I think that helps build team chemistry. I think it's going to be a good thing."

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MCW looking like the steal of the '13 draft

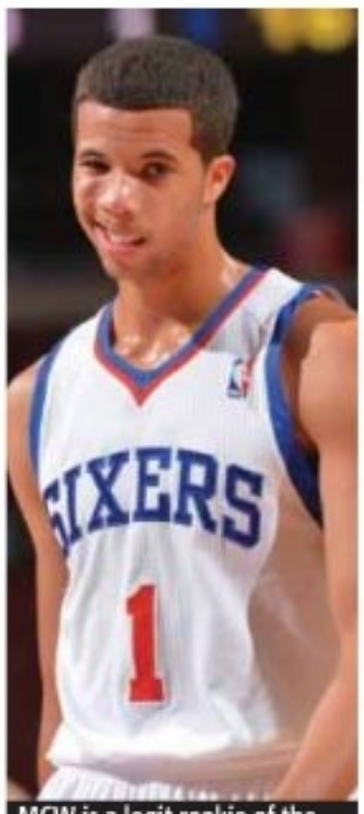
NBA. Michael Carter-Williams is turning heads just two weeks into his pro career.

Michael Carter-Williams seemed like a safe pick at No. 11 for the 76ers in June. Fast forward to now, and it looks like a steal.

Carter-Williams entered the NBA Draft after his sophomore season at Syracuse and was selected by the Sixers to replace All-Star Jrue Holiday, who was traded to New Orleans. MCW went on to set a Syracuse record with 111 steals en route to a surprising run to the Final Four.

Through the first seven games of his NBA rookie season, Carter-Williams is causing quite a bit of buzz. Even Hall of Famer Magic Johnson tweeted that MCW is a potential Rookie of the Year candidate.

"That meant a lot to me, hearing a player like Magic say that about me," Carter-Williams said. "It was humbling and amazing to hear my name mixed in with his name. He's one of the greatest to ever play the game."



MCW is a legit rookie of the year candidate. / GETTY IMAGES

In his debut against the Miami Heat, MCW had 22 points, 12 assists, nine steals and seven rebounds. The only two other players ever to match these numbers in a single game were Rickey Green (26 points, 12 assists, nine steals, seven rebounds) for Utah on Nov. 27, 1982 and Johnny Moore (26 points, 13 assists, 11 rebounds, nine steals) for San Antonio on Jan. 8, 1985.

The guard has certainly caught the attention of his opponents. You can bet that he's now at the top of their scouting reports.

"He's very relaxed on the court and is playing with a lot of confidence," said Chicago forward Joakim Noah. "He's got all the skills. You can see that right away. He has a ton of talent and I'm sure will get better and better."

"He's tough, man," added Cleveland forward Dion Waiters. "He's got it all – toughness, heart, talent. He's going to be a great, great player in this league."

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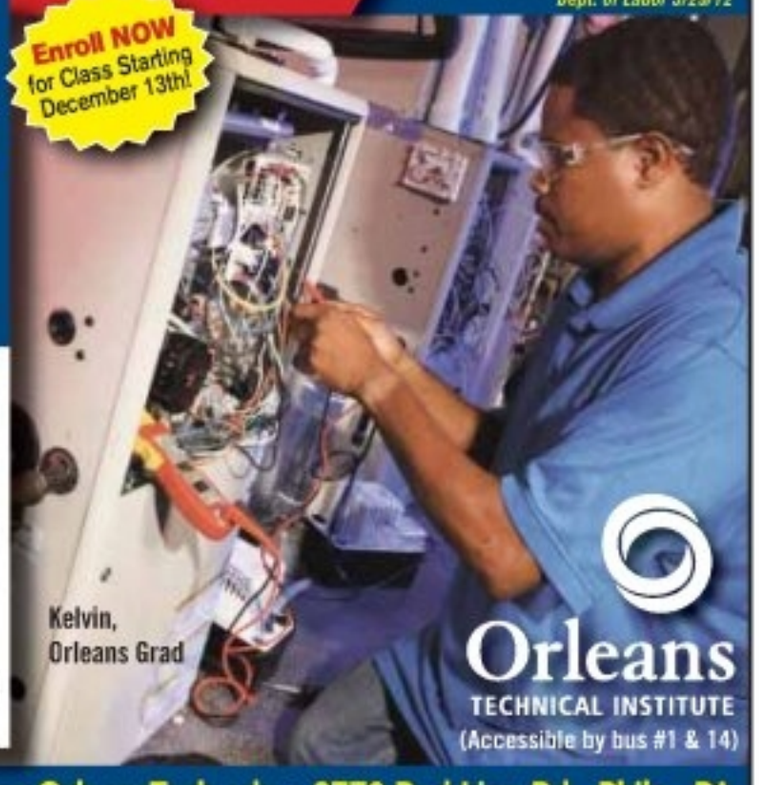
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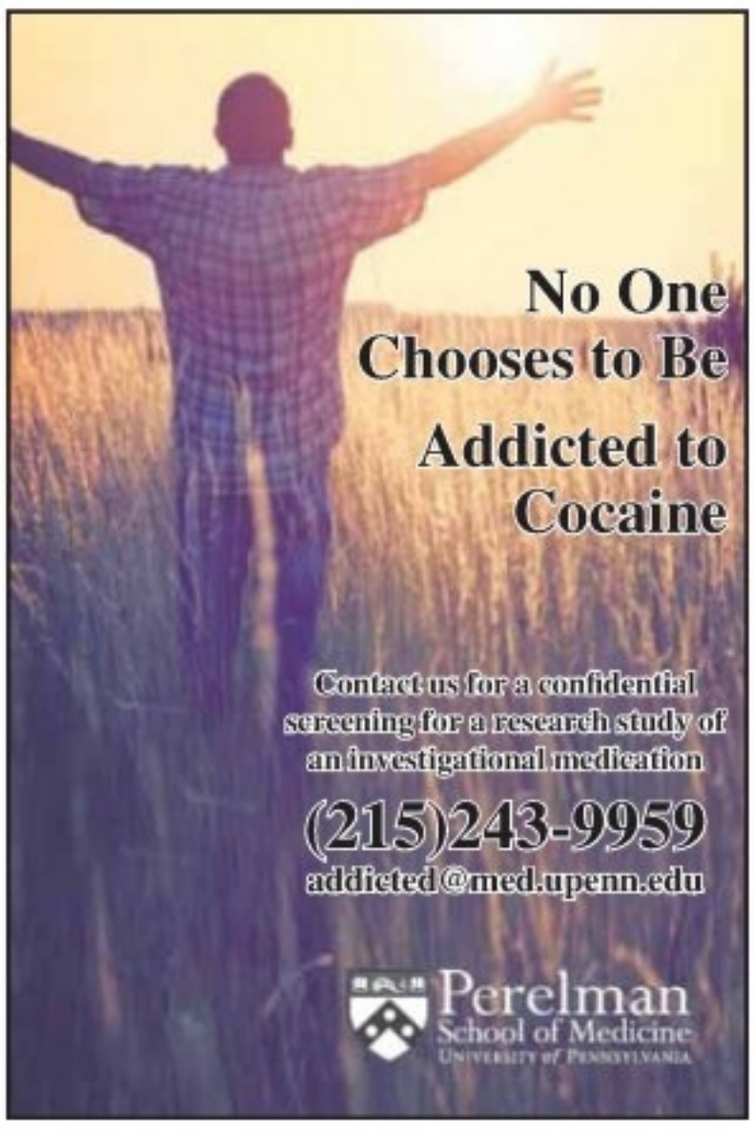
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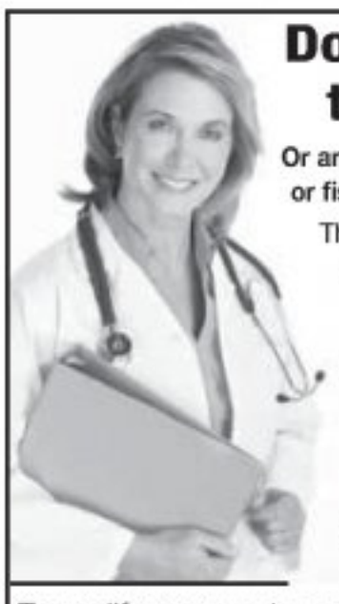

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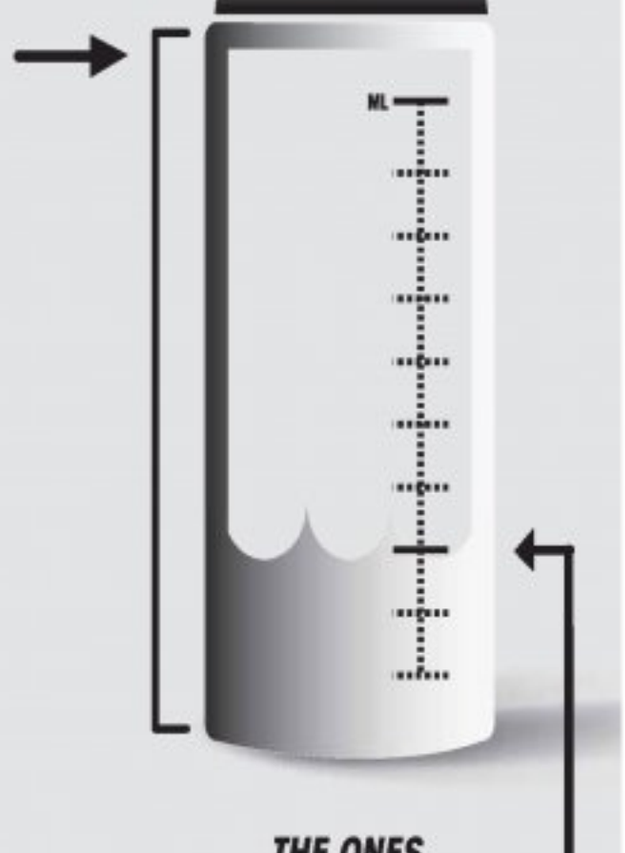

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